

2006 Heat Related Fatalities

In 2006, 253 people died as a result of extreme heat, up from 158 fatalities in 2005. This number is well above the 10-year average for heat related fatalities of 170. In 2006, the most dangerous place to be was in a permanent home with little or no air conditioning, where a reported 135 deaths (53%) occurred. California was hit the hardest by heat with 65 victims, followed by Illinois and New York with 42 fatalities each. Extreme heat tends to affect older people more severely than the young. Some 199 (78%) victims were over 50. As in most other weather fatality categories, many more males 174 (69%) were killed by extreme heat than females 79 (31%).

2006 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CA	0	1	0	2	23	12	26	1	65
DC	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
DE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
FL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	1	1	0	40	0	42
KS	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	5
LA	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
MD	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	1	9
MO	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	1	16
MS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
NY	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	42
OK	0	0	0	0	1	11	12	0	24
PA	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	0	29
SD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TN	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
TX	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
TOTAL	1	1	0	3	70	40	135	3	253
PERCENT	0	0	0	1	28	16	53	1	99*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2006 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	2	0	3	1
10 TO 19	1	2	0	3	1
20 TO 29	0	7	0	7	3
30 TO 39	0	9	0	9	4
40 TO 49	5	26	0	31	12
50 TO 59	9	42	0	51	20
60 TO 69	13	34	0	47	19
70 TO 79	21	23	0	44	17
80 TO 89	21	23	0	44	17
90 TO --	8	5	0	13	5
UNKNOWN	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	79	174	0	253	99*
PERCENT	31	69	0	100	

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LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
CA - Camping
GF - Golf
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle